

Lowes Creek at South 85 Bridge

Road Salt Monitoring Data Summary

January–December 2012



Photo courtesy of Jim Beecher

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Specific conductance summary:

- 13 measurements taken
- Minimum: 180 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ on 3/31/2012
- Maximum: 250 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ on 1/23/2012
- Mean: 221 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$

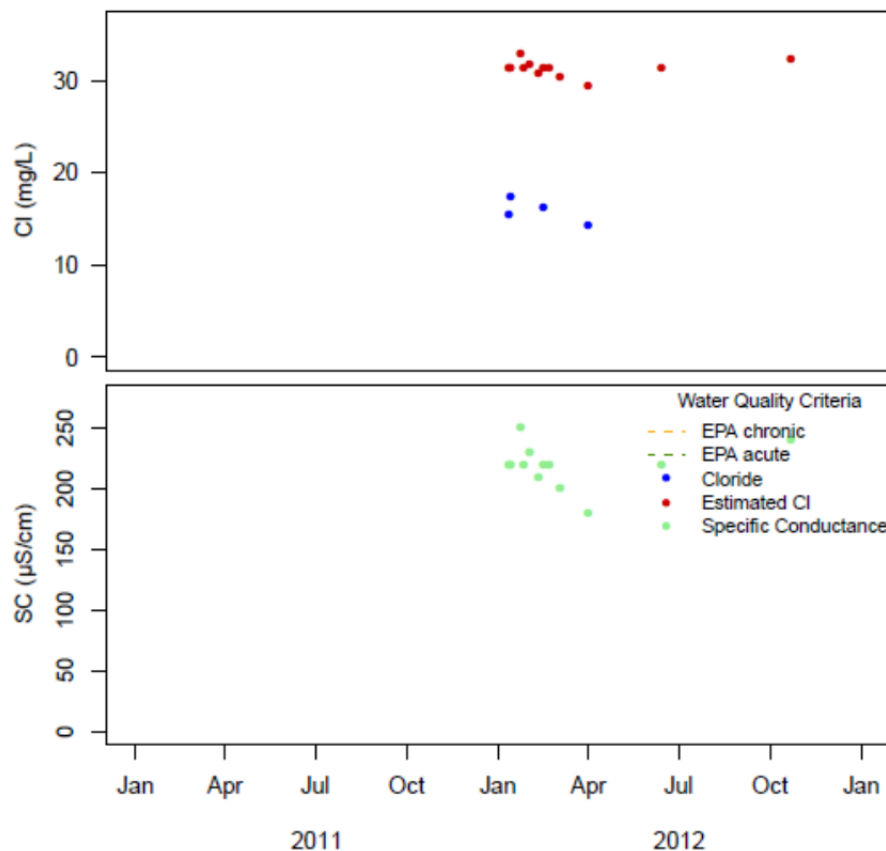
Chloride (Cl⁻) summary:

- 4 samples collected
- Minimum: 14.2 mg/L on 3/31/2012
- Maximum: 17.3 mg/L on 1/13/2012
- Mean: 16 mg/L

EPA Acute and Chronic Exceedences for Chloride¹:

Neither the EPA acute chloride standard of 860 mg/L nor the EPA chronic chloride standard of 230 mg/L was exceeded at this site in 2012.

Results Over Time²:



¹ EPA acute chloride standard: The one-hour average concentration should not exceed 860 mg/L more than once every three years. EPA chronic chloride standard: The four day average concentration should not exceed 230 mg/L more than once every three years on average. Source: EPA. 1988. Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Chloride. EPA 440/6-88-001.

² Calculated chloride: When $\text{SC} > 1540 \mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ was $\text{Cl} = 0.3441 * \text{SC} - 291$, $\text{adj}R^2 = 0.98$; when $\text{SC} \leq 1540 \mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ was $\text{Cl} = 1.044 * (\exp(0.001609 * \text{SC} + 3.046))$, $\text{adj}R^2 = 0.65$. Equations based on data from both Madison and Milwaukee.